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1. Dept has been advised by Israeli Embassy, on basis telecon from Foreign Office in Jerusalem (Bitan), that TWA Flight 840 on route Rome to Tel Aviv has been hijacked, reportedly presumably en by PLFP, and is ~~over Rhodes~~ route to Beirut. GOI requests we make urgent approach to Lebanese authorities requesting that passengers be handled and released as single group without distinction as to religion or nationality.
2. Embassy should immediately approach GOL at highest available level to make following points:
 - A. If info we have received is correct that hijacked TWA plane will land Beirut, we request GOL to facilitate earliest release of plane, crew and all passengers.
 - B. We most specifically request that all RPT all passengers be processed and released as group and that there be no

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separate treatment of Jewish passengers, whether Israeli or non-Israeli.

C, Experience shows that rapid processing and release of plane, crew and passengers essential in order avoid inevitable political complications and difficulties which could mount rapidly if release is delayed.

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3. Should aircraft land at Cairo or Amman, post there should make above approach to host Government.

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